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# Proposed Huntington Park New Elementary School #3

## Proposed Removal Action

*It is DTSC's mission to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.*

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## Introduction

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) conducted an environmental investigation known as a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) at the proposed Huntington Park New Elementary School #3 site. The PEA was conducted under the oversight of the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to determine if any harmful hazardous substances are present on the school site that pose a threat to public health or the environment.

The site investigation detected arsenic in soil samples in concentrations that exceed DTSC health standards. The PEA recommendation that approximately 4,200 cubic yards of soil be removed to eliminate the risk posed by these hazardous substances. Once the impacted soil is removed, the potential risk associated with this compound will be eliminated and the site will be considered safe.

The URS Corporation, on behalf of LAUSD, has prepared a **draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW)** for the cleanup of the impacted soil in response to the PEA findings. The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the community of the investigation results and to provide the opportunity for public comment on the RAW during the 30-day comment period starting November 19, 2001.

## Site Description

The Proposed Huntington Park New Elementary School #3 Site is located on approximately 2.84 acres in Huntington Park. The site is bounded by East 57th Street on the north, Seville Avenue on the west, East 58th Street on the south, and residences on the east. Overall, the site consists of 18 vacant, unpaved and graded, parcels and an asphalt-paved alley. Currently, there are no commercial operations on site and historically the site has been utilized as either residential or vacant land use.

## Site Investigation

Three separate field sampling activities ("sampling events") were conducted as part of the PEA and two separate field sampling events were conducted as a part of the Removal Action Workplan. During the PEA, the initial field sampling events were conducted between November 8 and 11, 2000. The second and third sampling events were conducted in February and April 2001. During the RAW phase, the first field sampling

## Public Comment Period

Announcing a 30-day public review and comment period on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Huntington Park New Elementary School #3 site. The DTSC encourages you to take an active interest in the issues affecting the removal of hazardous substances at this school site. The comment period is from:

**November 19 to December 18, 2001**

The complete RAW report and other related project documents are available at the local Information Repositories listed at the end of this fact sheet.



event took place on August 1, 2001 and the second field sampling event took place on August 10, 2001. The RAW field sampling efforts consisted of determining what areas at the site were impacted with arsenic. Additionally, historical information was evaluated and a health risk evaluation was conducted.

## PEA Environmental Investigation Results

The PEA and follow-up investigations found elevated concentrations of arsenic. The highest arsenic concentrations were typically detected in shallow soils on the site. The PEA Report recommended that a limited soil removal action is required before a "No Further Action" determination could be provided. It is estimated that 4,200 cubic yards of soil in this area are impacted. The impacted soil generally exists no deeper than 3 feet below ground surface. Based on the information developed during and after the PEA, DTSC concurred with the removal action recommendation for the arsenic impacted area.

## Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) Scope

The draft RAW, prepared in September 2001, identifies and screens possible removal action alternatives. Removal action alternatives were screened and evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, feasibility, and cost. Screening of several cleanup techniques using these criteria was conducted to select removal actions for further evaluation. Based on this screening, three possible alternatives were selected for further evaluation:

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Containment through Surface Capping

Alternative 3 – Excavation and Offsite Disposal

Based on the risk assessment conducted in the PEA and removal action selection process, Alternative 3, Excavation and Offsite Disposal, has been selected as the preferred cleanup alternative. This alternative was selected because it was determined to be the most protective of human health and the environment, easily implemented, and cost effective.

## Proposed Removal Action Activities

Prior to any excavation, the impacted soil areas will be marked using stakes or marking paint to facilitate the excavation process. The site will be secured using temporary fencing to reduce the potential for unauthorized personnel to enter the excavation area. Conventional construction equipment, such as a front-end loader equipped with a backhoe, will be used to excavate the soil and load the soil directly into transport trucks. It is anticipated that approximately 315 transport truckloads will be needed to haul the impacted soil from

the site.

The soil will be excavated, to the extent possible, in a manner that minimizes the potential to generate dust. While on the property, all vehicles will maintain slow speeds for safety purposes and for dust control. Dust control will be obtained by lightly spraying or misting the work areas with water. Water mist may also be used on soil placed in the transport trucks. Additionally, after the soil is loaded into the transport trucks, the soil will be covered to prevent soil from spilling or blowing out of the truck during transport to the disposal facility. The soil will then be transported to an approved disposal facility.

Air quality monitoring will be conducted during excavation and soil handling activities to measure for potential emissions. In addition, airborne dust monitoring will be conducted to verify and document dust control effectiveness.

When the excavation work is complete, confirmation sampling will be conducted to verify that all the impacted soil has been removed. Once this verification has been approved by DTSC, it is anticipated that the excavated area will be backfilled and compacted with certified clean material consistent with school construction specifications.

## Notice of Exemption (NOE)

DTSC has approved a Notice Of Exemption for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since DTSC has found no evidence that the cleanup will have a significant negative effect on the environment.

## What Happens Next?

Prior to making a final decision on the Huntington Park New Elementary School #3 site Draft Removal Action Workplan, DTSC will receive comments during the **30-day public comment period** which ends December 18, 2001. Comments may be submitted in writing to: *Pete Cooke, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 1011 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, California 91201*. Comments must be postmarked by December 18, 2001.

After the public comment period, DTSC will evaluate all of the submitted comments. If the RAW is approved, fieldwork may begin as early as January 2002. It is anticipated that the removal action, including soil excavation, transportation of excavated soil, confirmation soil sampling and analysis, and site restoration will last approximately three months.